



Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Expedited Procedure
Group Art Unit 1648

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 2502

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Art Unit: 1648

Application No.: 09/926,431

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For: PRODUCTION OF NOVEL NEWCASTLE DISEASE VIRUS STRAINS FROM
cDNAs AND IMPROVED LIVE ATTENUATED NEWCASTLE DISEASE
VACCINES

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.116

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action dated November 9, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response is extended one (1) month, from February 9, 2007 to March 9, 2007, by the attached one-month Petition for Extension of Time. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

- I. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2;
- II. The **Remarks** begin on page 8;
- III. The **Conclusion** begins on page 15.